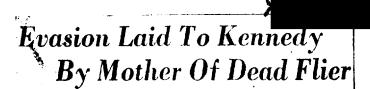
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Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 26 (49)—A Birmingham mother who apparently lost a son in the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba bitterly accused President Kennedy today of evading questions about her son.

Mrs. Riley W. Shamburger, Sr. said the President evaded her when she wrote him about the disappearance of her son, Riley W Shamburger, Jr.

Shamburger, 36, and three other Birmingham airmen were reported to have been killed when eir cargo plane crashed into the Caribbean during the Cuban as-

## Deaths Announced

Their apparent deaths were anndunced at a news conference in Brmingham, May 4, 1961, by an attorney for the Double Check Corporation of Miami, Fla.

The lawyer, Alex E. Carlson said their cargo plane had crashed in the Caribbean. He identified the four as Shamburger, Thomas Willard Ray, 29, co-pilot; Leo F. Baker, 35, engineer, and Wade Carroll Gray, 33, radioman.

In Washington, the White House said a letter Mrs. Shamburger wrote the President the latter part 1962 was answered by his Air rce aide, Maj. Gen. Godfre, McHugh.

Andrew T. Hatcher, assistant hite House press secretary

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She said she wrote the President and asked: "If no Americans were involved, where is my

"Evaded My Question"

"But he evaded my question," Mrs. Shamburger said.

"I try to have hope and try to cling to it."

Mrs. Thomas Ray, wife of one of the dead crew members, said that she had been issued a death certificate. "I have about given up hope," she a kled.

Mrs. Ray said she often won-

ders exactly what happened. would like to get the true facts behind it all," she said. "The Government bas told me nothing.

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